

## Slurp and Socialize

Friday, January 19, 6:15 pm

Let's gather on January 19 at ZAO Noodle Bar (3583 16th St. at Market) for the monthly "Welcome Shabbat" meal with the Membership Committee. This monthly tradition of breaking bread with members of the community has become a great way for new and prospective members to meet each other and for long-standing members to see old friends and new ones. We will meet at CSZ at 6:15 pm and then head over to ZAO at 6:30. Please RSVP for this dutch-treat meal to either the office ([office@shaarzahav.org](mailto:office@shaarzahav.org), 415/861-6932), Joe Hample ([hamplej@wellsfargo.com](mailto:hamplej@wellsfargo.com), 415/621-767) or Marc Wernick ([mhwernick@aol.com](mailto:mhwernick@aol.com), 415/928-7883).

## Rabbi Angel's Official "Welcome Home"

On November 10 and 11, congregants at Sha'ar Zahav officially welcomed Rabbi Camille Shira Angel into the community. The congregation was joined by rabbis, friends and family, from New York to San Francisco, to celebrate Rabbi Angel's installation. The weekend, advertised as a Shabbaton of Prayer, Study and Dance, featured all this plus much simcha, joy. There are many people to thank who put their energy into this weekend. There are also those whose contributions may go unnoticed. To those of you, *todah rabah*, for continuing to contribute in your different ways. Thank you to all the rabbis who made Shabbat services and the sessions on *Lekh Lekha* a success: Rabbi Robert N. Levine, Rabbi Lisa A. Edwards, Rabbi Michael Berk, Rabbi Benay Lappe, Rabbi Eric Weiss, Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman, Rabbi Sheldon Marder and Rabbi Allan Lachman. Much gratitude goes to the Ritual Committee for a beautiful Shabbat, especially to the service leaders: Daniel Chesir, Lyssa Friedman, Nicole Bloom, Michael Sarid and Zack Barnes-Miller; and to the music-makers: Marsha Attie, Jonathan Funk, Susan Unger, Cory Weinstein, Ora Prochovnick, Jonah Levy, Karen Segal, Ed Williams, Trudy Fulton-Smith, Ellie Cohen and Dev Felder Noily. We gratefully acknowledge all those who supported this weekend in other ways: James Carlson, Walter Leiss, Lele Diamond and Rachel Field, Marc Lipshutz, David Gellman, Steven Polsky and Mark Oliver, Sara Haber, Jerry Rosenstein, Ira Hirschfield, Arthur Slepian, Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs, Steve Weiner, Rabbi Sandy Lowe, Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Paul Cohen, Alex Ingersoll, Stuart Feinhor, Shelma Angel, Naomi Angel, Esther Edelheit, Marianne Bailin, Tiela Chalmers, Greg Eichler, Genesis Printing and Graphics, Sara Haber, Joe Hample, Tony Harris, Trudi Hauptman, Nancy Kates, Rose Katz, Drew Parker-Rose, Marc Wernick, Kerri Schiff, Darah Wallsten, Lonnie Weiss and Ami Zusman. Without a dedicated staff, the weekend would

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## Talking About God

CSZ presents another opportunity to talk about God. Join us in a safe and open sharing/discussion about your feelings and thoughts on God. No experience necessary! All viewpoints are welcome. January 21, 11 am-1 pm at CSZ. Further questions, please contact Sarita at 415/641-8413.

## Music in the Mishkan Returns!

Back again by popular demand, and following a highly successful premiere season, Music in the Mishkan, a three-concert chamber music series, returns to CSZ in January, March and May 2001. The programming is especially intriguing this year. In addition to beloved traditional classical composers (Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saens, Ravel) each concert highlights a lesser known but eminently accomplished 20th century Jewish composer.

The January and May programs highlight works of composers who were held as prisoners during the 1940s at Terezin (Theresienstadt), a concentration camp at which musical and artistic life flourished in the face of unimaginable deprivation and horrors. January's concert, an afternoon of string trios, features the haunting Trio for Violin, Viola, and Cello of Gideon Klein, an extraordinary Czech pianist and composer. The May program includes two delicate works from the Terezin Collection, string quartet compositions written by Victor Cohn and Zikmund Schul.

The March concert introduces the plaintive Hebrew Melody by Joseph Achron, written in the 1920s, in an arrangement for violin and harp. Achron, a famed Lithuanian violinist, was a favorite composer of violin virtuoso Jascha Heifetz.

Many of last year's talented musicians will return as featured performers, including Montclair Duo violist Patricia Whaley and San Jose Symphony principal clarinetist Michael Corner. Dan Levitan, principal harpist with the San Jose Symphony and renowned Bay Area soloist, makes his first appearance in the series, joining CSZ member Randy Weiss for an afternoon of violin and harp music.

Concerts will take place at CSZ on Sundays January 28, March 18 and May 13, at 4 pm. A wine and cheese reception will follow each concert. Please join us for these remarkable events - this is your chance to experience these fantastic musical works performed by gifted local artists in our beautiful sanctuary. Mark your calendars now, then order your tickets by contacting CSZ Program Director Dahlia Gross at 415/ 575-4961 or [cszdahlia@yahoo.com](mailto:cszdahlia@yahoo.com). See you there!



## Todah Rabah to An Outstanding Educator!



Rabbi Angel

As every teacher knows, there is nothing so gratifying as teaching a classroom full of interesting, capable students. And as every student knows, learning is never so good as when the teachers who teach are dedicated and inspiring mentors. Though I have only been here a short while, there are a few things I already know for certain: our Kadimah program has thrived and blossomed under David Shneer's outstanding guidance and direction. He has helped to foster a kind of learning that brings out the best in both teachers and students. He will be missed!

We will be saying shalom and todah rabah to David, so that he can fully dedicate himself to finishing his graduate work. David has graced our school with his great love of children, his strong Jewish commitment and ability to impart wisdom to our children's young minds. David has helped to guide our Children's Education Board, shape and implement our mission, and supervise a phenomenal cadre of teachers.

Both Liz Schaffer, chair of the Children's Education Board, and I deeply appreciate the way David has given us sufficient lead time to allow us to interview some outstanding candidates for the position, and maintain our great confidence in the continuity of the program. With a dynamic and dedicated staff, many of whom have been around for a long time, we are going gaily forward - Kadimah!

We will always be grateful for what David has done for our children and the whole of our congregation. David has a permanent place in our hearts and we look forward to sharing many happy occasions with him and with Gregg in the years to come. Please join us as we celebrate David's service to our community. On Friday night, January 19, Lyssa Friedman, David Shneer and

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## Invocation for the Installation of Rabbi Camille Shira Angel *by Stuart Feinbor ©2000*

Shabbat Shalom.

In this week's Torah portion, we meet Abraham and Sarah, the first Hebrews, for the first time. The preceding eleven chapters of the Book of Genesis delineate the genealogies of the first 10 generations from Adam to Noah, plus the following 10 generations from Shem to Abraham. These are typically named patriarchally in terms of So-and-So father begot So-and-So son. Tonight's invocation is a midrash on that.

On this 13th day of the month of Cheshvan,  
Erev Shabbat Lech Lecha,  
five thousand seven hundred sixty-one,  
Corresponding to the 10th day of the  
11th month

Of the second zero-rounded year of the  
common era,

May we, this gaily- and queerly-striped  
assembly,

Gathered under the moon-kissed wings  
of the Shechina

At Mishkan Dolores of Congregation  
Sha'ar Zahav

In the City of San Francisco

In the American state of California,

Invoke, as witnesses of love and support,

The remembered and the forgotten,

The named and the unnamed

Among the righteous wives and daughters,

Mothers and grandmothers,

Sisters and aunts and lovers

Who peopled the ten and ten generations

From Creation to the sealing of the fateful ark,

And from its opening to the worship of  
Adonai Echad.

At this unique hour in the history of the world.

May we open our hearts and invite,  
as into a sukkah of peace,

Chava, "the mother of all who live"

And with her, the wife of Cain,

And with her the wife of Hanoach,

And with her the wife of Metusael --

Her and her daughters-in-law --

Adah and Tzillah, mother of Naamah

First named daughter and sister;

And the wife and daughters of Seth,

And the wife and daughters of Enosh,

And the wife and daughters of Lamech,

And the wife and daughters-in-law of Noah.

And the wife and daughters of Shem, who  
repeated

The rainbow-shrouded, reborn world,  
And the wife and daughters of Shelach,  
And the wife and daughters of Ever,  
And the wife and daughters of Peleg,  
And the wife and daughters of Nachor,  
And the wife of Terach, and his daughter,  
Sarah, our matriarch,

Half-sister to Avraham, our patriarch,  
who was her husband.

And let us, this beautiful mosaic  
Of lesbian and gay and bisexual  
And transgender and straight and questioning  
Children of the Divine called to this  
holy space

Remember our own goings forth  
From the lands of our birthplace  
And our mother's and father's house  
To the land of the Golden Gate,  
which draws us

In love and freedom, through famine

And desert, fear and alienation.

And let us, the comfortable and the anxious,

And the partnered and the befriended,

And the newcomer and the familiar,

Recall and renew our sacred covenantal  
relationship

With El Shaddai, creator of light, merciful  
author of justice,

As we witness and support, honor and bless  
The covenant of leadership and scholarship,  
Wisdom and courage that is the link we forge  
With our teacher, Camille Shira, rabbi of the  
ninth generation,

Daughter of Rabbi Camillus Angel,  
zichrono livracha,

And Shelma, and mayah v'esrim

Beloved of Karen Bergitta Segal,

Sister of Naomi, whose children,

Esther and Sha'anan,

Signal yet another tenth generation.

And may we, like those who came before --

The founders and the rabbis and the members

Of grateful presence and of blessed memory,

Be emboldened and inspired to go and do --  
Neilech lanu,

In the spirit of tikkun olam, healing and peace,

L'dor vador, for another ten and ten genera-  
tions to come,

So that we, too, may be recalled and remem-  
bered as a blessing.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech  
Ha'Olam, Shehechayanu, V'kimanu,  
V'higianu, Lazman Hazeh. Amen



## Just When You Never Wanted To Hear the Word "Election" Again...



Although spring may feel distant during January's rains, it is only just around the corner in Sha'ar Zahav's annual cycle of religious and secular events, and that means:

**David Gellman** Annual Congregational Meeting and elections. This year's election will include the naming of a new president and two vice-presidents for the congregation, as well as several new Va'ad members. Our officers serve two-year terms; mine will end next June, when I move on to the post of immediate past president, to serve for two years as mentor and advisor to CSZ's new president, serving on the board of directors of Sha'ar Zahav's Endowment Fund, as well as joining the distinguished ranks of our past presidents, who meet on rare occasions, at the request of the current president. I am looking forward to the new challenges I will be undertaking in these various capacities.

Our elections are really a congregational vote of approval of the work of our Nominations and Confirmation Committee, a small, temporary committee appointed by the president, usually consisting of a former CSZ officer, a Va'ad member from years past, an outgoing member of the current Va'ad, and two additional members chosen to speak for CSZ members not otherwise represented on the Committee. The Committee takes input from the entire congregation, and submits a slate for congregational approval. Usually, one of the two existing CSZ vice-presidents is asked to assume the presidency, having been trained for the job over the prior two years. I am delighted that vice-president Lisa Katz has indicated her willingness to assume the presidency over the next two years.

The Nominations and Confirmation Committee does not present a slate of opposing candidates, although we do have provisions to allow members who

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## Adult Jewish Education - Winter Offerings

### Ten Essentials of Judaism

Dates: Tuesdays, January 9-March 13  
Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

**Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Dev Felder Noily**

Open to Adult B'nai Mitzvah Students Only

Join Dev Felder Noily and Rabbi Camille Angel in an exploration of compelling Jewish ideas. From Concepts of God to Modern Jewish Identity, this is a class developed specifically for adult b'nai mitzvah students in their journeys towards becoming bat/bar mitzvah.

### Jewish Blessings as a Source of Healing

Date: Thursdays, February 1, 8 and 15  
Time: 7 - 8:30 pm  
Cost: Members Free, Non-Members \$10/session

**Rabbi Eric Weiss and Rabbi Camille Shira Angel**

*"...a day of complete healing, a healing of the body and a healing of the spirit."*  
Mi Shebeirach from the CSZ Siddur

Join Rabbi Eric Weiss, CSZ member and Executive Director of the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center, and Rabbi Camille Shira Angel for this three-part class on Jewish concepts of healing and blessings.

- 2/1 - The Role of Blessings and Healing of the Mind, Body and Spirit. (Part 1)
- 2/8 - Healing the Planet, in celebration of Tu b'Shevat, the birthday of the trees.
- 2/15 - The Role of Blessings and Healing of the Mind, Body and Spirit. (Part 2)

### Twice Blessed / Twice Cursed: Magnus Hirschfeld and the Institute of Sexology

Date: February 5  
Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

**David Shneer**

Come learn about this famous gay Jew who founded the world's first Institute of Sexology in Weimar, Germany. We will talk about his idea of a "third sex," how Jewish values may or may not have influenced his work, and how his whole project was destroyed as soon as the Nazis came to power in 1933.

- This course is part of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Feast of Jewish Learning. This year's theme is "Heroes - who needs 'em?" For a listing of classes throughout the Bay Area, please consult the *Jewish Bulletin*.

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### Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

Sponsoring the oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.



Im ein ani li, mi li	If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
U-ksheani le-atmi ma ani	But if I am for myself alone, what am I?
Ve-im lo achshav eimatai?	And if not now, when? <i>(Pirkei Avot 1:14)</i>

Truer words were never spoken. Your trusted educator has been mulling over these words for several months now. I know that I am very good at points two and three. An educator's job is to learn and study with others, to help them find their true potential, to build communities and inspire greatness, and to do it all now, here on earth, at this moment. But what about myself? I have always been good at giving, providing, supporting and only recently learned that to be the best educator, I needed to remember point one in Rabbi Hillel's famous three-line mantra about how to live a full, happy life. To be good at the second and third statements, an educator must first and foremost take care of himself in order to be the support and inspiration to educate others.

I realized this on Yom Kippur. As I sat in services saying Al-cheit for all of the things that we as a community have done at some point in the past year, I sat thinking, my biggest cheit is that I am not giving myself that which I need – time. Precious time, that most limited of resources that we all are always hoping we have more of or can find more of, the commodity that is more valuable than money itself. No one, in fact, can find more time. All we can control is how we allocate it.

When I returned from Russia nine months ago, I had intended to stay as educator all the way through this school year, and perhaps beyond, and write my dissertation as I was working. Ha, write my dissertation and pour my soul into a document that is now growing to 600 pages, while also serving one of the most dynamic, intellectually thirsty communities I have ever been a part of. Time – such a precious and scarce resource.

I have to finish the dissertation by May, as Berkeley's history department (not exactly the supportive, loving community that Sha'ar Zahav has been) is cutting me off after that date. I thought I was Superman, and could work in a

job that was becoming more and more demanding, and write a dissertation that was more challenging than I thought it would be.

Over the High Holidays I decided to listen to Hillel, to all three points of his handbook for better living. I needed to make sure I took care of myself. My passion for the children, families, teachers and community has never waned, but my ability to do the job I want, to inspire greatness, while pursuing my larger career objectives began to conflict, and something had to give. I realized that I would have to step down as educator sooner rather than later.

This decision took much thought, as I feel a deep commitment to providing the best education to this community that I can. But after much contemplation, I found that this was the best decision in the long run for everyone. Four key factors assured me that even though I was leaving this position, I could keep my commitment to maintaining quality educational programs for our families and children:

1. The presence of a rabbi committed to education and passionate about teaching assured me that high educational standards would remain the norm.
2. The Children's Educational Board has been a wonderful support and advice group, and our working relationship has been a model of lay-professional partnership. They will provide excellent support for the new educator.
3. The Va'ad has shown itself to be responsive to the educational needs of our congregation's families and children in ways that I couldn't have dreamed of when I first started here in 1997. Their support of children's and family education over the past year has been remarkable, and I feel confident that the new educator will receive similar support.

4. The continuity of our family educator, who has designed wonderful programs and has connected with all of the families, and our quality teaching staff will mitigate any stress that would come from my leaving. For all of these reasons, I felt that I could pursue both my personal and professional goals while also keeping my commitments to the synagogue.

The fact that I will be leaving my position at the end of the month does not mean at all that I am leaving this community, which has been and will continue to be my Jewish community. I very much look forward to the time when I get to be a member of the community contributing in new and exciting ways, and when my dissertation, fully completed and published as a book, will sit on the shelves of the esteemed Sha'ar Zahav library.

Hazak hazak ve-nithazek! [May you go from strength to strength.]

## Kosher Meat: readings of Gay Jewish Erotica

Lawrence Schimel, editor

Participating authors:

David May - *Mein Yiddishe Tate*

David O'Steinberg - *Down, Down*

Andrew Ramer - *From His Own Hands*

Facilitated by Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

**Sunday, February 4, 6 pm**

*Kosher Meat* is a compilation of short fiction exploring facets of the intersection of Jewish identity and gay sexuality. From the tale of an ex-porn actor who lives across the street from a yeshiva, a gay San Francisco couple who attend an S & M party after Shabbat services, the creation of a golem, a visit to the Holocaust Museum, to cruising after dark in Tel Aviv, these stories run the gamut of both Jewish and gay subcultures, but their themes are always constant: the workings of the human heart, the body and its desires. These revealing tales of love and lust – often poignant but with a good dash of chutzpah and camp – will enlighten, delight, arouse and inspire the reader, while pushing the limits of previously conceived notions as to the intersection of sexuality and religion.



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## Adult Jewish Education - Winter Session *continued from page 3*

### Beginning Yiddish 1A (10 weeks)

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 17  
Time: 7 - 8:15 pm  
Cost: Members of CSZ, or SF Learning Consortium - \$85;  
Public- \$100 (\$90 if received by Feb. 7)

**David Shneer**

Have you ever wanted to learn Yiddish, the thousand-year-old language of Eastern European Jewry? This course will move beyond "kitchen" Yiddish by exploring the fundamentals of the language with an emphasis on spoken Yiddish. We will use the newest, best textbook, Sheva Zucker's *Yiddish: an Introduction to the Language, Literature and Culture*. In addition to learning the fundamentals, the main goal is to make learning Yiddish exciting and fun. Therefore, we will have a dynamic classroom environment and will incorporate Yiddish song and literature into the study of the culture that was developed in Yiddish over the centuries. We will spend the first class learning (or reviewing) the Yiddish alphabet, whose letters are the same as the Hebrew alphabet, so those with little knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet might want to brush up on the letters or order the textbook early and start learning the letters.

### Yiddish and the Left (8 weeks)

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 3  
Time: 8:30 - 9:45 pm  
Cost: Members of CSZ, or SF Learning Consortium - \$65;  
Public- \$80

**David Shneer**

From the turn of the century Jewish socialism to contemporary radical Jewish music, there has been a seemingly magnetic attraction between Yiddish language, literature and culture and left-wing politics and activism. In this eight-week class, we will attempt to trace why Yiddish and the Left have had such a happy romance. We will read socialist manifestos, look at Yiddish-language Soviet newspaper cartoons, study avant-garde poetry, see clips of Yiddish film, listen to contemporary klezmer music, and pose the question: is the future of Yiddish, if there is one, still married to leftist activism and politics? No knowledge of Yiddish is required for this class, which focuses on literature and culture, rather than language. The instructor, however, recommends studying Yiddish concurrently with this course, so that the answer to the above question can be answered affirmatively.

### Prayerbook Hebrew

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 17  
Time: 6 - 7 pm  
Cost: Members: Free;  
Non-Members: \$100/10 sessions  
All are welcome

There is little that matches the power and beauty of Jews gathered together in prayer. Prayer connects us with God, with other Jews and Jewish communities in present time, as well as past and future generations. When we recite the Shema, the Aleinu and the Kaddish, we merge with Jews throughout time, who have recited the same words. This course will teach you not only how to read prayers and what they mean, but also the melodies and choreography associated with each phase of the worship service. The new CSZ Siddur will be a primary text for this class.

Join us for one or all of these exciting classes!



# January-Tevet/Shevat

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 6 Tevet Office Closed	2 7 Tevet	3 No Kadima
7 12 Tevet • 10 am - Town Hall Meeting on the findings of the Revenue Task Force • 6 pm - JGF Layout • 7-8:30 pm - Torah Trope Class with <i>Kenny Altman</i>	8 13 Tevet • 2-3 pm - Healing Service • 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting	9 14 Tevet • 6-7 pm - Basic Hebrew • 7 pm-8:30 pm - Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: 10 Essentials of Judaism	10 4 pm - Kadima
14 19 Tevet • 7-8:30 pm - Torah Trope Class with <i>Kenny Altman</i>	15 MLK Day 20 Tevet • 7 pm - Membership Committee Meeting Office Closed	16 21 Tevet • 6-7 pm - Basic Hebrew • 7-8:30 pm - Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: 10 Essentials of Judaism	17 4 pm - Kadima
21 26 Tevet • 11 am - 1 pm - Talking About God	22 27 Tevet	23 28 Tevet • 6-7 pm - Basic Hebrew • 7-8:30 pm - Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: 10 Essentials of Judaism	24 4 pm - Kadima
28 4 Shevat • 4 pm - Music in the Mishkan "A Trio of Trios"	29 5 Shevat JGF Deadline	30 6 Shevat • 6 pm-7 pm - Basic Hebrew • 7-8:30 pm - Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: 10 Essentials of Judaism	31 4 pm - Kadima 7 pm - JGF Ec
CSZ Teens at Religious Action Center Conference			

## MARCH DEADLINE MONDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 5 PM

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THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SHABBAT	
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29 Tevet	25	1 Shevat	26	2 Shevat	27
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7 Shevat	1	8 Shevat	2	9 Shevat	3
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### East Bay Services

Friday, January 19, 7:15 pm

Havurah potluck, candle lighting and songs  
at the home of Beth Sousa, 3821 Nevil St. Oakland  
510/434-1751

Call the synagogue office or Ida Kuluk (510/530-4673) for details

### Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

information.



## Bat Mitzvah

### Sara Shor

Saturday, January 13 at 10 am

Sara Shor is a seventh grader at King Middle School in Berkeley. Her bat mitzvah journey has included studying Torah with her classmates, learning Hebrew with her amazing mentor, Ruthy Talansky, and putting together a political action mitzvah project with her family. When she is not engrossed in her studies, Sara likes to play soccer and softball, and to hang out on-line. Sara wants to thank everyone who supported her as she has become a bat mitzvah, with a special thank you to her mentor, Ruthy, and to her parents, Glenn and Nancy. Come celebrate with Sara at Shacharit services on January 13. Mazel Tov to Sara and her family.

## Family and Children's Read-a-Thon

The Children's Education Board and our education staff are preparing for a springtime Jewish Book Read-a-Thon to raise funds for all of our educational programs. The Read-a-Thon Committee needs good Jewish children's and teen books, appropriate for anyone up to age eighteen. We have set up a book registry with Afikomen Books for people to support the growth of our young persons' Judaica library in preparation for the Read-a-Thon this spring. People interested should contact Afikomen directly and can purchase books off the registry for the synagogue library. The more books we have, the more interesting and exciting the Read-a-Thon will be. And be on the lookout for our youths' sponsor sheets. Supporting children's reading is a great way to contribute to the synagogue's educational programs.

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### Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, January 19, 6 pm

*(Please note the change: Family Kabbalat Shabbat dinners will now be held on the third Friday night of the month.)*

Shirah! (singing), T'fillah! (prayer), Kehillah! (community). Join Rabbi Angel, David Shneer, Jeni Markowitz and Lom Friedman for a catered Shabbat meal and service Friday, January 19 at 6 pm. New special programs for families with kids in Junior Congregation (ages 6+) and young children alike!

Members:

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adults \$10-15, children \$7-9.

### Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 am

Tot Shabbat is for children aged 2-5, their friends and families. We come together for an age-appropriate service filled with art, storytelling, singing, prayer and movement.

### Potluck Oneg Lunch

Saturday, January 20 at 12 pm

*This potluck oneg lunch is being held in honor of our beloved educator, David Shneer.*

Come enjoy a vegetarian potluck meal with David as he departs from his role as educator. We'll nosh, shmooze and continue to celebrate the magic David has shared with the synagogue over the past three years. Last names A-H bring green/fruit salads/appetizers; I-S bring cold main courses; T-Z dessert. Bread and drinks will be provided

**For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact Jeni Markowitz at 415/575-4962. (familyeducator@shaarzahav.org).**



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## Why Is This Member Different From All Other Members? by Marc Wernick



This month, the *Forward* visits with new member Caryn Aviv. Caryn has wasted no time in becoming active in the Sha'ar Zahav

community. Many of you might remember Caryn's stellar performance and fabulous gold lamé outfit as the emcee of the Chanukah Karaoke event. ("I am really a gay man in drag," quipped Caryn.)

When not on stage, Caryn is a teacher in CSZ's thriving Kadimah program. "Teaching Kitah Aleph is a great way to bond with the kids at Sha'ar Zahav, to get to know the parents and to contribute to the community," she explains. Caryn loves helping kids build their sense of Jewish identity. "My Jewish identity was fostered by Camp Ramah and teen groups in high school. I can still name my camp counselors."

Caryn pointed out that there are lots of opportunities for Sha'ar Zahavniks without kids to get involved and make an impact through committee work, helping with field trips or reading stories in class. In fact, the Social Action Committee recently joined with Kadimah to deliver food and toiletries to the Mission Dolores Homeless Shelter, as part of Kitah Vav's exploration of the concepts of *tzedakah* (acts of righteousness), *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness).

Social action is a subject close to Caryn's soul. Professionally, Caryn works for UCSF in one of the country's most innovative breast care centers. Caryn works with women who face a recent diagnosis of breast cancer, to facilitate their treatment decision-making with physicians. She is also developing a program for women with metastatic breast cancer, to focus on living life fully while preparing for end-of-life decisions. Prior to moving to San Francisco and working at UCSF, Caryn worked in a rape crisis center and at Chicago's only feminist bookstore during graduate school. She is currently finishing her Ph.D. in

sociology at Loyola University, Chicago.

Caryn learned about Sha'ar Zahav at the Jerusalem Open House in Israel when members of the synagogue were there on a mission about two years ago. (The Jerusalem Open House is the only GLBTQ community center in Jerusalem.) Caryn was living in Israel, writing her dissertation on aliyah (immigration to Israel). "I toyed with the idea of aliyah myself for years. When I eventually decided that I did not want to live in Israel, I chose to study the people who have taken the plunge and find out how they have fared. What I found is that most Americans did not move to Israel because of some high ideological love of Zionism. Rather, they were looking for love or going through a huge life change and hoping for greener pastures in the 'Promised Land.' As an out dyke and a progressive Reform Jew with a strong sense of community, Israel never really felt like home for me."

Luckily, the Sha'ar Zahav and San Francisco Jewish communities are the place for Caryn - and she is enmeshed in many ways. She is co-editing (with CSZ Educator David Shneer) an anthology which explores how GLBTQ Jews negotiate their identities and are changing Jewish communities. Caryn has also participated in the Jewish Community Relations Council New Leaders Project. This program is an introduction to the Bay Area Jewish and civic communities to encourage participation and organizational involvement. To add another layer, Caryn's housemate is CSZ Program Director Dahlia Gross.

Another way Caryn is involved with CSZ is through planning a GLBTQ "speed dating" event with fellow (single) congregant Marc Wernick and Program Director Dahlia Gross. "I'm currently single, fabulous and want to find a nice Jewish girl. You have to put yourself out there. Make no bones about it, I volunteered to help out with this event purely out of self-interest," she explained.

In an effort to promote this event on

February 25 and to help all you single women out there, we asked Caryn questions about dating:

1. *Of all the characters in the Bible, which one would be your ideal mate?*

Vashti would be Caryn's choice. "She was feisty, had moxie and stood up for herself. I find women with an independent voice very sexy," noted Caryn. Being somewhat of a non-traditionalist, she also commented that the matriarchs just did not do it for her. "They are just tired."

2. *If you had to come up with the "Five Commandments of Dating," what would they be?*

Caryn was in somewhat of a cynical mood when we spoke, so coming up with this list proved to be a bit of a challenge. Once we moved past the physical, Caryn had these insights:

- Laugh a lot. Have fun. Don't take yourself too seriously.
- Be honest.
- Know what you want.
- Don't angst too much.
- Don't rush to the chuppah.

Now, what would our Talmudic scholars say about that?

3. *If you could ask God for one insight about finding true love, what would you ask?*

"I would ask Her to hit me over the head so that I don't miss it," Caryn replied.

4. *Assuming you got over that concussion from the whack and you found Ms. Right, on what Jewish holiday would you choose to introduce your potential partner to your parents?*

Caryn loves Sukkot since it is focused on an activity, and not solely on food, like so many other Jewish holidays. "Sukkot is perfect because there are so many activities that you can do together - hammering, decorating, stringing things together and partaking of multiple meals. I can really get in touch with my inner butch on Sukkot, which is great." Caryn said.

Please join me in helping Caryn find her beshert and in welcoming her to our community.



## Rabbi's Column

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I will co-lead services and David will offer the drash. On Saturday, January 20, Kadimah will take part in Shabbat morning services with a special presentation in his honor.

Traditionally, when students have completed their learning, words are recited from Kaddish d'Rabanan. Herein lie our hopes for you, dear David:

May you be blessed and strengthened as you have blessed and strengthened your students.

May you have peace, grace, kindness, mercy, long life and everything you need.

## President's Column

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are not selected by the committee to become candidates. We have avoided contested elections for several years, in an effort to seek out a diverse and representative cross-section of our members to serve as officers and Va'ad members, while avoiding a popularity contest with winners and losers.

If you would like to offer your input to this committee, please contact the CSZ office for the phone numbers or email addresses of the committee members. You have an opinion and we need to hear it. Perhaps you know someone who would make a great new Va'ad member? Perhaps you are friends with a potential new officer? Maybe, even, yourself?

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## Welcome Home

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## 100 Dates in One Night

**Saturday, February 24 at 7 pm**

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"Speed Dating" has taken the Jewish community by storm. In a nutshell, in less time than it takes to daven the Amidah, participants change partners and engage in a brief conversation - serial mini-dates. Daters are given a set of suggested questions about personal tastes and values along with a sheet to keep track of which prospective soul mates they want to see again. Giving of phone numbers and future dating agreements are made via a third party - all to reinforce a safe and supportive atmosphere.

On February 24, laugh with a panel of hilarious and eminently wise love experts, as we discuss the perils and promise of dating Nice Jewish Boys and Nice Jewish Girls. Then nosh and shmooze with other GBLT Jews from around the Bay Area while meeting at least ten interesting people (we promise!) in a fun and safe setting. So mark your calendar for a fun evening of round-robin dating on February 24. Because your mother never fixed you up with nice Jewish boys or girls quite like this!

For more information or to volunteer to help coordinate, please contact Caryn Aviv ([imcaryn@yahoo.com](mailto:imcaryn@yahoo.com), 415/353-7037), Marc Wernick ([mhwernick@aol.com](mailto:mhwernick@aol.com), 415/928-7883), or Dahlia Gross, CSZ Program Director ([cszdahlia@yahoo.com](mailto:cszdahlia@yahoo.com) 415/575-4961).

### Members' Yahrzeits

- 9 Jerry Davis
- 18 Keith Fenton
- 20 George Ash
- 31 Cheryl Orvis



## Jan. Anniversaries

- 1 Sharon Tanenbaum  
and Matrisha Person
- 15 Barbara Becker and  
Ellen Press
- 16 Ida Kuluk and  
Susan Spott
- 17 Nancy Igdaloff and  
Monica Levin
- 23 Stephen and  
Trudi Hauptman

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new and returning members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

**Rachel and Reed Pruyn Goldstein**  
**Ally Cannon and Jessica Israel**  
**Maureen Bennett**

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

## Naches

To **Zack Barnes-Miller** on becoming bar mitzvah.

To **Jackie Mauro** on becoming bat mitzvah.

To **Shmulik Fishman** on becoming bar mitzvah.

To **Lisa Katz, Sharon Heath and Miriam** on Rose's Baby Naming and Blessing.

To **Margaret Crow Rosenfeld, Jonathan Rosenfeld and Arno Rosenfeld** on the namings of Mia and Zola Rosenfeld.

To **Brian Jersky and Ben Bank** on their 10th anniversary.

To **Ally Cannon and Jessica Israel** on their engagement.

To **Diane Desmond** on receiving her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology.

## Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

- 11/17 Oneg by **Andy Higgins and David Thompson** in honor of their aufruf and wedding.
- 12/1 Oneg by **Jan Medina** in honor of Zack Barnes-Miller leading services.
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- 12/8 Flowers by **Barbara Cymrot, Dafna Wu and Ruby Cymrot-Wu** in loving memory of Isa Leah Cymrot-Wu.
- 12/15 Oneg by **Hilda and Marvin Bernstein** in honor of the namings of Mia and Zola Rosenfeld.
- 12/22 Oneg by **Brian Jersky and Ben Bank** in honor of their 10th anniversary.

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**Daniel Chesir** on the death of his friend, Murray Adelman.

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- 9 Amalia Cymrot-Wu  
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- 10 Bernard Schertzer  
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- 12 Tiela Chalmers  
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New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

**עליה** (*aliyah*) - to go up;  
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;  
2) or when one moves to Israel

**עמידה** (*amidah*) -  
silent standing prayer

**אויף רוף** (*auf ruf*) -  
ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (Yiddish)

**ביקור חולים** (*bikkur cholim*) -  
visiting the ill

**בימה** (*bimah*) - stage;  
the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

**בני מצוה** (*b'nai mitzvah*) -  
collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

**דבר תורה** (*devar torah*) -  
words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

**דור ראשון** (*dor risbon*) -  
first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

**ערב** (*erev*) - evening

**גמילות חסדים** (*gemilut chasadim*) - acts of loving kindness

**הברלה** (*havdalah*) -  
ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

**קבלת שבת** (*kabbalat shabbat*) -  
receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

**קדיש** (*kaddish*) -  
prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

**קדימה** (*kadimah*) -  
forward; CSZ religious school

**קידוש** (*kiddush*) -  
blessing over wine

**כיפה** (*kippah*) -  
head covering; yarmulke

**לעתיד** (*la'atid*) -  
toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

**מעריב** (*ma'ariv*) - evening service

**מחזור** (*machzor*) -  
High Holiday prayerbook

**מזל טוב** (*mazel tov*) - good luck;  
used to mean congratulations

**מנחה** (*minchah*) -  
afternoon service

**מנהג** (*minhag*) - custom

**משפחה** (*mishpachah*) - family

**מצוה** (*mitzvah*) -  
commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

**מוציא** (*motzi*) -  
blessing over bread

**מוסף** (*musaf*) - additional service

**נחם** (*naches*) - pride (Yiddish)

**עונג** (*oneg*) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

**עשה שלום** (*oseh shalom*) -  
maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

**פרשה** (*parashah*) -  
weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

**ראש השנה** (*Rosh Hashanah*) -  
literally head of the year; Jewish New Year

**שער זהב** (*Sha'ar Zahav*) -  
Golden Gate

**שבת שלום** (*Shabbat Shalom*) -  
Sabbath peace

**שחרית** (*shacharit*) -  
morning service

**שכינה** (*shechinah*) -  
in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

**שואה** (*Shoah*) - the Holocaust

**סידור** (*siddur*) - prayerbook

**טלית** (*tallit/tallis*) - prayer shawl

**תיקון עולם** (*tikkun olam*) -  
repair of the world

**תודה רבה** (*todah rabah*) -  
thank you very much

**צדקה** (*tzedakah*) -  
righteous act; mitzvah of giving

**ועד** (*va'ad*) - board

**יאר צייט** (*yahrzeit*) -  
anniversary of a death (Yiddish)

**יום כיפור** (*yom kippur*) -  
Day of Atonement

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